HARTLEPOOL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Report for the year 1921, I have carried out the instructions issued in Circular 269, dated December 28, 1921, from the Ministry of Health, in which we are asked to curtail the Report as much as possible regarding the information concerning the conditions which do not vary from year to year.

This Report is called an Ordinary Report, in contrast to a full detailed one as that of last year, which is called a Survey Report.

This Survey Report will normally be required at intervals of not more than five years.

1. General Statistics.

Area (acres), 17,384.
Population (1921), 3,665 (including 614 at Howbeck House.
Number of inhabited houses (1921), 677.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921), 647.
Rateable value, £3,942.
Sum represented by a penny rate, £164 9s. 4d.

2. Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

		Total.	Males.	Females.	
BIRTHS	Legitimate	60	26	34	Birth-rate (R.G.) 17·06 per 1.000
	Illegitimate	2	1	1	
DEATHS	... ...	36	20	16	Death-rate (R.G.) 9·9 per 1,000

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth—Sepsis, nil ; other causes, nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1.000 births :—
Legitimate, 96·7 ; Illegitimate, 16·1 ; Total, 112·8.
Deaths from Measels (all ages), 1.
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages), nil.
,, ,, Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age), 1.

3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

Disease.		Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria		Nil		
Scarlet Fever		7	4	
Enteric Fever (including Para-typhoid)		Nil		
Puerperal Fever		Nil		
Pneumonia		Nil		
Other Diseases generally notifiable		Erysipelas		
Other Diseases notifiable locally		Nil		
Tuberculosis—				
(A) Pulmonary	M.	3		
	F.	3	5	1
	Total	6		
(B) Non-Pulmonary	M.	2		
	F.	1	2	2
	Total	3		

Ophthalmia Neonatorium, Nil.

4. Causes of Sickness.

During the month of May there was an outbreak of Measles in Greatham, in consequence the Schools were closed for three weeks.

5. Nursing Arrangements—Hospitals, etc.

Professional Nursing in the Home Midwives Clinics and Treatment Centres	Administered by Durham County Council.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority :—

1. Tuberculosis...		Durham County Council provides for these.
2. Maternity	...	Durham County Council provides for these.
3. Children	...	Durham County Council provides for these.
4. Fever...	...	Port Sanitary Authority—Fever Hospital.
5. Smallpox	...	Port Sanitary Authority—Fever Hospital.
6. Other	...	Hartlepools Hospital, Cameron Hospital, Howbeck House.

Institution for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, & Homeless Children—Howbeck House

Ambulance Facilities (A) For Infectious Cases—Horse Ambulance.
(B) For Non-Infectious Cases and Accidents—Horse and Motor Ambulance.

6. Laboratory Work.

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations, etc.—Arrangements are provided for by the Durham County Council.

List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws, and Local Regulations.—Bye-Laws for Tents, Vans, Sheds, and similar structures are in hand.

The following are in force :—

(i) Model Regulations of Ministry of Health for New Streets and Buildings, the Cleaning of Footways and Pavements, etc. ; (ii) Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk Shops Order ; (iii) Slaughter-houses.

7. Sanitary Administration.

For a tabular summary of the work of the Sanitary Department during the year, see Summary appended.

Water Supplies.—The exceptionally dry Summer has caused a shortage on five isolated Farms, and steps have been taken to remedy such conditions. The pumps in the villages of Elwick and Dalton Piercy, fortunately, did not fail, and to a large extent eased the situation.

A case of alleged pollution at Dovecot Farm, Elwick, is under consideration by the Council.

Two samples of water were submitted for analysis, and found satisfactory.

Sewerage.—The Sewerage arrangements at Greatham, Elwick, Hart, and Dalton Piercy have undergone no change during the year. The usual periodical flushing and cleansing have been carried out.

Graythorp.—An enquiry was held by the Ministry of Health respecting sewerage disposal. A temporary scheme is now in operation.

Scavenging.—Fewer scavenging complaints have occurred during the year than formerly, a decided improvement having been made, particularly at Greatham.

Graythorp has now a separate scavenging arrangement, which is working satisfactorily.

Campers at Seaton Carew and elsewhere.—Bye-Laws are being adopted to enable the Council to deal efficiently with Summer Camps.

8. Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health (part time).
Sanitary Inspector (part time).

9. Housing.

During the year the first portion of the Graythorp Village, comprising 76 houses, has been completed.

For full details of all houses erected, unfit dwelling-houses, and proceedings taken under Public Health Acts, see Summary appended.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
W. WARNER COOK,
Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY of Work done in the Inspector of Nuisances' Department during the Year 1921.

I. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.	Number of Informal written Notices by Inspector.	Number of Formal Notices by order of Authority.	Number of Nuisances abated after Notice.	General Remarks.
Dwelling-houses: Foul Conditions ...	17	Nil	17	Accumulation of House Refuse
Dwelling-houses: Structural Defects ...	21	Nil	17	Defective Roofs and Spouts
Dwelling-houses: Overcrowding	2	Nil	2	Bedroom Overcrowding
Dairies and Milkshops	5	2	7	Cleanliness of Utensils
Cowsheds	9	Nil	9	Limewashing
Bakehouses	1	Nil	1	Limewashing
Slaughter-houses	2	Nil	2	Limewashing
Ashpits and Privies	27	Nil	27	Structural Repairs and New Pans
Deposits of Refuse and Manure	7	1	8	Within 60 ft. from a dwelling or source of water supply
Defective Yard Paving	5	Nil	5	Previous Paving replaced by Cement
House Drainage: Defective Traps...	1	Nil	1	
House Drainage: Other Faults	8	Nil	8	Stoppages Removed
Water Supply	5	Nil	—	Insufficient Supplies
Pigsties	3	1	3	Defective Structures
Animals Improperly Kept	1	1	1	Pigs (uncleanliness)
Totals	114	5	108	

	Number.	Remarks.
II. WATER, FOOD & DRUGS.	Nil	
III. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASE.		
Lots of Infectious Bedding stoved or destroyed	11	
Houses Disinfected after Infectious Disease	11	
Schools do. do.	3	Comprises all in District
IV. GENERAL.		
Number of New Houses erected during the year ...	77	
Number of such Houses occupied during the year ...	50	
Ashpit-privies converted into Ash-closets...	5	
Total number of Water-closets in District	133	
Do. Ash-closets do.	362	
Do. Ash-pit Privies do.	140	

O. N. EDWARDS,
Inspector of Nuisances.